

Application No. 10/780,342
Amendment dated July 12, 2005
Reply to Advisory Action of June 3, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's clarification of allowability of claim 33 in a teleconference of June 8, 2005. The limitations of claim 33 have been incorporated into claim 1.

Claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Claims 2-7, 9-15 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1.

Claims 8, 18, 23 were previously indicated as allowed.

Added claim 34 requires that the overmolded polymer layer have an exposed surface of a shape selected from the group consisting of a skeg (24) and a bullet-shaped gear housing (20), and is believed allowable.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance with claims 1-15, 18, 23, 34, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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